

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 were previously pending in this application. By the attached amendment, Applicants cancel claims 1, 2 and 10.

Claim 9 was indicated to contain allowable subject matter. Claim 9 has been rewritten in independent form, including limitations from prior claim 1. Though the text added to claim 9 is not identical to the text of prior claim 1, some limitations having been omitted, it is believed that claim 9 nonetheless recites subject matter indicated to be allowable. Therefore, claim 9 should be allowed.

Dependent claims 3-8 have been amended to depend, either directly or indirectly, from claim 9 and therefore also should be allowed. New claim 28, depending from claim 9, has been added. Claim 28 contains limitations from claim 1 not included in claim 9. Therefore, claims 3-8 and 28 should be allowed.

Claims 11 and 12 were indicated to contain allowable subject matter. Claims 11 and 12 have been rewritten in independent form, including limitations from prior claim 10. Though the text added to claims 11 and 12 is not identical to the text of prior claim 10, some limitations having been omitted, it is believed that claims 11 and 12 nonetheless recite subject matter indicated to be allowable. Therefore, claims 11 and 12 should be allowed.

Dependent claims 13-18 now depend from either claim 11 or claim 12. New claims 26, 27 and 30, depending from claim 12, have also been added. New claims 29, depending from claim 11, has also been added. Claims 29 and 30 recite limitations from claim 10 not included in claims 11 and 12, respectively. Therefore, claims 13-18, 26-27 and 29-30 also should be allowed.

In the Office Action Summary, claims 19-25 are indicated to be subject to a Restriction and/or Election Requirement. However, paragraph 5 of the Detailed Action indicates claims 19-25 are allowed and paragraph 8 provides a statement of reasons for allowance of those claims.

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Accordingly, Applicants believe that the Office Action Summary incorrectly states the status of claims 19-25, which are allowed.

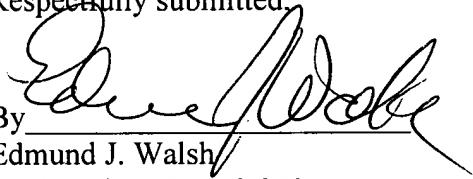
A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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